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INADVERTENT DISCOVERY OF NEW SITES IN P-715

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On July 29, 2019, archaeological monitors reported discovery of two potentially eligible archaeological sites within the footprint of the Modified Record of Fire Range (MRFR), a component of the Live Fire Training Range Complex (LFTRC) at Northwest Field, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The first discovery, temporarily referred to as "Area A," is located along the southeastern edge of the range footprint. The area is approximately 45 X 90 meters in size and contains a variety of pre-contact artifact types and two dark soil stains containing fire-altered rocks. This location is adjacent to a previously data recovered site (66-08-2494) and may prove to be an extension of that site.

The second discovery, temporarily referred to as "Area B," is located in the southwestern corner of the range footprint. This area is approximately 100 X 90 meters in size. Area B contains three dark soil stains and a variety of surface artifacts, including *lusong* fragments, lithic and shell tools and fragments, and concentrations of Latte Period ceramics. Area B is not near previously documented sites.

Archaeological investigations are planned for these two inadvertent discoveries. Per Stipulation VI.A.1.b of the 2011 PA, data recovery excavations will be considered standard mitigation for any historic property that is strictly archaeological in nature and will be adversely impacted. The attached document provides a general overview of planned treatment of the two areas.